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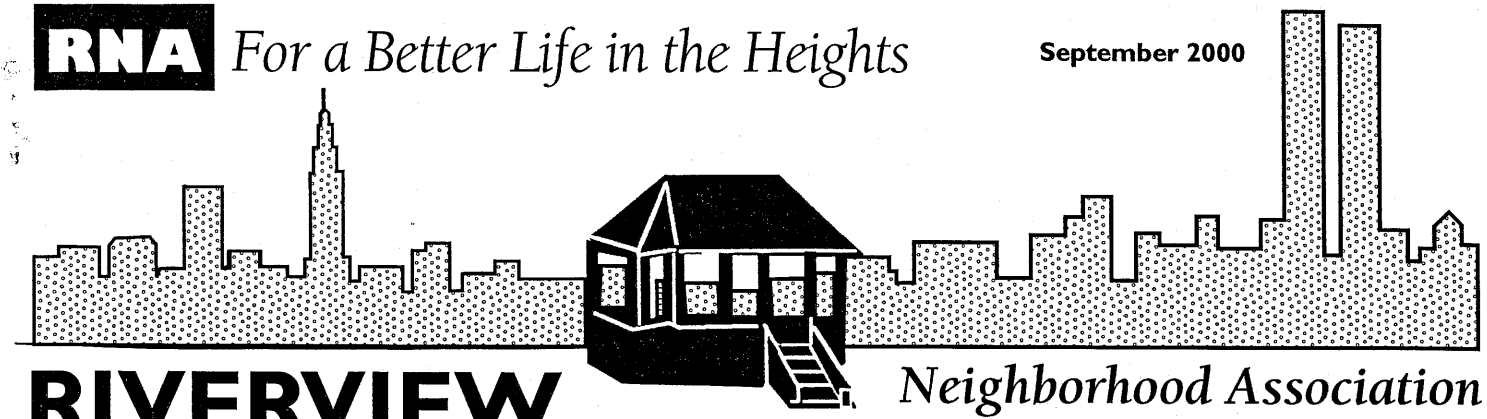

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New Commander of the North District

In August, **Captain Paul Wolleon** was replaced by **Deputy Chief Peter Behrens** as commander of the North District Police. RNA, along with the other neighborhood associations throughout the Heights, was dismayed and somewhat confused by this action of the Police Department. From several accounts, it appears that the change was dictated by the State when it ordered Jersey City to justify the recent promotions of several Deputy Chiefs by assigning them to the commander's posts in the four local precincts.

Whatever the reason, the City should be made aware of the impact that this change has made in our local community. Captain Wolleon is well-liked and trusted throughout the Heights. Since his appointment to the North, he has always made himself available to listen to all problems - whether individual or communal - that occurred in our neighborhood. He would then respond in a

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In Memory of Steve Garibaldi

On June 21st, our friend and neighbor Steve Garibaldi died. Steve was a life-long resident of Jersey City. He started the first block association for Ogden Avenue. He worked very hard to bring every one together. The big event I remember was the closing of our street for a block party. Everyone brought a covered dish and had a great time.

Steve was a supervisor in the New Jersey Department of Transportation for 39 years. He left a wife Eleanor, a daughter Donna, a son Christopher and a granddaughter Megan. We will all miss him. **Joan Earls**

RNA dedicates this issue of its newsletter to Steve Garibaldi for his efforts to improve the quality of life in our community.

COMMUNITYUPDATE

Millennium Towers

At the August 8th meeting, our members formally voted their approval of RNA participating as a plaintiff in a taxpayer lawsuit to be filed against the City of Jersey City and the private developers to stop this project. The lawsuit will challenge the recent actions of **Jersey City's Planning Board** and **City Council** in approving this controversial hi-rise proposal to build two 43 story towers below the Palisade cliffs on the Jersey City-Hoboken border. The other plaintiff in this suit is **Coalition for a Better Waterfront**, a Hoboken-based civic organization. **Michael Pane**, a well known land-use attorney will represent RNA in this suit. The City of Hoboken has also filed a separate suit against Jersey City because of the detrimental effect this project will have on its citizens. Attorney **Hugh B. McCluskey** will represent the City of Hoboken.

In the fall, RNA will organize a series of fundraising events in support of this activity. Anyone interested in making a tax-deductible donation to pay for our attorney, planner and other expenses, should send their checks to RNA, 232 Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, N.J. 07307 *(Identify the donations by writing "MTP" on the check.)*

Save the Palisades

Members of the **Palisade Avenue Steering Committee**, made up of **RNA, Sgt. Anthony, Palisade Avenue Coalition** and **Heights Hope** are currently reviewing the City's draft of a steep slope ordinance. It will be presented to the Planning Board and eventually the City Council for approval. The purpose of the ordinance is multi-fold: 1) to protect the Palisade cliffs as a natural resource and landmark, 2) to prevent any overdevelopment on, above and below the cliffs themselves and 3) create view planes to protect the views not only from the cliffs but also of the cliffs themselves. In addition, PASC is also lobbying the City to change the zoning below the cliffs to limit future development in this area between the Jersey Avenue Redevelopment Zone, Hoboken, and Union City.

All interested parties are urged to come to the September 12th meeting and volunteer to participate in this important project to protect our community.

Planning & Development Committee

122-124 Ogden Avenue: At its September 12th meeting, RNA will decide whether to support or oppose a proposal to build a four story apartment complex at this site. The project calls for seven 2-bedroom apartments and a parking garage for seven vehicles. This development would require seven variances from the required zoning requirements of density, lot coverage, lot width, lot area, floor area ratio and rear and side setbacks.

On Thursday, August 3rd, **Claire Davis** of the City's Planning Division met with the RNA Planning and Development Committee and local residents to discuss the proposal. Although the site is currently located in a R-4 (residential hi-rise) zone, Ms. Davis stated that the project is too big for the size of the two lots on which it would be built. The Planning Division is also concerned that this project will not comply with the newly enacted Master Plan which recommends that the surrounding neighborhood be rezoned to an R-2 (residential two-family) designation. The City has therefore suggested two alternatives for this project, either three 1-family townhouses or two 2-family buildings.

394 Palisade Avenue: Developer **Robert O'Neil** has proposed renovating a vacant warehouse building by converting it

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MEETING MINUTES: SUMMER 2000

[The following is a summary of the three meetings RNA held during the months of June, July and August.]

June 13, 2000

Police: The meeting started at 7:40 PM. The first speaker, Police **Captain Paul Wolleon**, commander of the North District, announced that an arrest had been made with regard to the recent gunfire incidents on Palisade Avenue involving a semi-automatic weapon. He reported that several warrants had been issued and arrests made of local residents on Palisade Avenue who were involved in this and other drug-related criminal activities.

Community Relations officer **Mike Sherboneau** thanked RNA for permitting him to set up a fund-raising table at the Park Fair and announced that he had even met a potential sponsor for the police community activities. He also announced the upcoming National Night Out activities scheduled for August 1st. He stated that the Department was sponsoring a 10-day civilian police academy program for local residents.

Captain Wolleon assured RNA members that there would be appropriate police coverage for Riverview-Fisk Park during the July 4th/OpSail celebrations.

Senator Bernard Kenny was our next guest speaker. He is one of our state representatives for the 33rd Legislative District which encompasses our section of Jersey City Heights as well as Hoboken, Union City, Weehawken, West New York and Guttenberg. He started by complimenting RNA for its service and commitment to the community. He said he has attended our events in Riverview-Fisk Park and enjoys reading our newsletter.

The Senator told the group that he was currently preparing for the Op Sail 2000 event. Our waterfront is more accessible than ever before and approximately two (2) million people were expected for this July 4th. He said that the event had been planned for about 1/ 1/2 years and the State was going to cover all the cost - approximately $2 million - that the local communities along the waterfront would incur for police and fire coverage. The FBI and Secret Service would also be on hand and in charge of security because the President and other dignitaries would be participating in this event.

The Senator then discussed several local topics of interest to our community:

1) he will intervene and attempt to convince the Department of Transportation to permit the City to change the direction for the vehicular traffic on Ogden Avenue between Bower and South Street to southbound;

2) he will sponsor legislation to regulate the licensing of the jitney buses on Palisade Avenue as soon as our congressional delegation gets the Federal government to grant local jurisdiction to the State;

3) although he supports our opposition to the Millennium Towers proposal, he as a state official has no jurisdiction to intercede in the municipal process. He stated that he doesn't understand the City's rush to approve this project because of the potential problems to Hoboken as well as Jersey City;

4) he said that he supported the idea to save the Palisade cliffs as a natural resource and that he would be willing to meet with our community to discuss it.

122-124 Ogden Avenue: Tom Jones and Tom Pierro, the owners of this property located off the corner of Ogden and Cuneo Place, introduced their proposal to develop the empty lot. Their project to build 7 units with off-street parking would require variance approval from the Board of Adjustment. A meeting was planned to discuss this project with the local residents.

Other Business: The members approved payment for several expenses including the recent Park Fair and newsletter printings. Finally, there was an update on the recently inaugurated tile painting project for Riverview-Fisk Park.

The meeting closed at 9:30 PM.

July 11, 2000

NID: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by the chairperson. **Ron Clemente**, the NID Manager gave an update on the items he was working on in our neighborhood. He confirmed that the Public Works project to install new sidewalks and repave the roadbed along the entire length of Palisade would start by the end of this July. A work order had been issued to remove the overgrown weeds along the New York Avenue extension road that winds down the cliff. Summons had been issued to several property owners for keeping garbage on their property. NID will attempt to supervise the issuance of hydrant caps for children during the summer.

Members complained about the following problems: excess noise along Bowers Street; the lack of refuse containers in the south end of Riverview-Fisk Park; and an abandoned dog living in vacant lot at 345 Ogden Avenue. Summer hours for Mr. Clemente are Tuesday through Friday: 10:30 - 6 PM and Saturday: 8:30 AM to $:00 PM. He can be reached at 547-4974, ext. 8015.

Police: Office **Mike Sherboneau**, of Community Relations from the North District, discussed the plans for the upcoming National Night Out. He stated that this year individual neighborhood associations were organizing separate events for that night with the support of the North District.

Treasure report: RNA Treasurer **Tim Gilliard** made his monthly report. Park custodian Louie Ramos was reimbursed for plantings for Janet Moore Park.

122-124 Ogden Avenue Development Project: The RNA Planning and Development Committee met with the developers of this project. Even though the property is located in an R-4 zone, seven variances will be needed for this project because it is too large for the two lots it would be situated on. A meeting with City Planner **Claire Davis** would be set up to discuss the project.

Millennium Towers: On June 14th, the City Council approved the amendments to the Jersey Avenue Redevelopment Plan that would allow this project to be built. On June 20th, the Planning Board approved the site plan for the project. The City of Hoboken was considering filing a lawsuit against Jersey City because of the detrimental impact the project would have on the local traffic. RNA along with several other local civic groups will meet next week with their legal advisors to determine whether they will participate in a separate taxpayer lawsuit.

Save the Palisades: Four neighborhood associations, including **Sgt. Anthony, Heights Hope, Palisade Avenue and RNA** have begun to lobby the City for a steep slope ordinance to protect the Palisade cliffs from future development. There is also a need to limit the zoning below the cliff to prevent hi-rise development. A petition is circulated to support these proposals.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

August 8, 2000

Police: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM. **Sgt. Mark Ruby** of the North District, announced that an official change had taken place with the commander of the North District. Captain Paul Wolleon had been replaced by Deputy Chief Peter Behrens. This change was implemented after the State demanded that newly promoted Deputy Chiefs be assigned to the local precincts. The new assistant is Lt. John Kiernan.

Sgt. Ruby also stated that the NTF midnight shift between the hours of 6 PM to 2 AM was a success and seemed to control the problems on Palisade Avenue. He announced that the police had targeted a narcotics problem on the 200 block of New York Avenue and several arrests had already been made. Finally he complimented Sgt. Anthony and Hague Street block associa-

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into five residential units and a ground floor commercial unit. He has proposed building two extra floors atop the existing structure. The proposal requires a use variance to increase the permitted density from two to five units. It will also need a parking variance because there is no provision for off-street parking.

Although there is concern about the extra height and lack of off-street parking, it is clear that the project is what is needed to help upgrade this part of Palisade Avenue, located off the Hutton Street intersection. Long a haven of drug dealers and unsavory gangs, the opportunity to improve the quality of life in this area is supported by the local residents. Ms. Davis of the Planning Division, has informed RNA that the City will recommend approval of this project by the Board of Adjustment at its August 31st meeting.

Mr. O'Neil recently completed a residential project at 235 Ogden Avenue with two loft units.

The Palisade Avenue Steering Committee

At its August 21st meeting, PASC members agreed to begin drafting bylaws for the creation of a non-profit corporation to manage the orderly development of Palisade Avenue. Once completed, the group will then file an application to register the corporation with the State.

In addition, the City officially confirmed the availability of a federal grant program to eligible property owners in our community. The purpose of the program is to allow owners to bring their buildings up to code, including repairs for electrical and plumbing problems and structural damage. Applications for grants up to $10,000.00 are available from the **Division of Community Development** located at 30 Montgomery Street until September 22nd. The City will provide assistance in filing the applications in both English and spanish.

To be eligible, homeowners must prove that they make up to the following incomes:

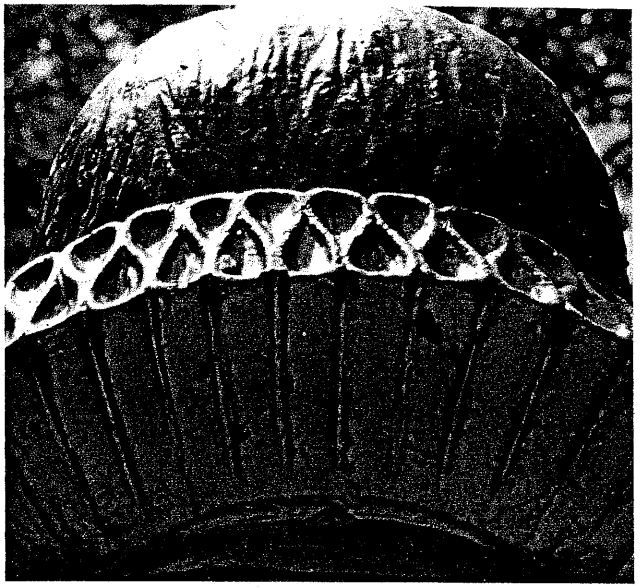
Family Size	Annual Incomes
One person	29,800.00
Two person	34,500.00
Three person	38,300.00
Four person	42,550.00
Five person	45,950.00
Six person	49,350.00
Seven person	52,750.00
Eight person	56,200.00

The area covered by this program includes: even-numbered addresses on Webster Avenue between Franklin and Griffith Streets; both sides of New York Avenue between Franklin and Griffith Streets; both sides of Palisade Avenue between Ferry and Griffith Streets and both sides of Franklin Street between Webster and Palisade Avenues and only even-numbered addresses on Palisade Avenue between Griffith Street and Riverview-Fisk Park. For more information, call **(201) 547-4747.** ✪

Where in the Heights?

Local resident and photographer Dan D'Errico knows. Do you?

The answer will be found on the Community Bulletin Board in Riverview-Fisk Park.



Meeting Minutes

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tions for their successful activities on the recent Night Out.

NID: The second speaker was NID manager **Ron Clemente** who updated the group on local problems, such as sanitation violations on Ogden and Palisade Avenue. He also reported that the construction on Mountain Road was nearly complete and it slated to reopen by the end of the summer; the renovation of Holland Street would begin by next spring; and Bower Street between Palisade and Ogden would be changed to a one-way direction westbound.

Millennium Towers: RNA members voted to approve participation in a taxpayer lawsuit against the City of Jersey City and the private developers to stop this project. This suit would eventually be consolidated with a similar suit filed by the City of Hoboken. Fundraising efforts were discussed to support this activity.

122-124 Ogden Avenue: There was a brief discussion about the proposal to build a seven unit structure with off-street parking at this site. On August 3rd, the Planning and Development Committee met with City Planner **Claire Davis** to discuss this project. Alternatives to the proposed structure include two 2-family houses or three -family townhouses.

Farmer's Market: There was a brief discussion about the desirability to establish a local farmer's market in Riverview-Fisk Park next year.

Meeting closed at 9:45 PM. ✪

New Police Commander

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prompt and effective manner by assigning one of his officers to investigate and report back to him. The expansion of the NTF, narcotics and burglary squads under his tenure were long-over due responses to the chronic problems in our community. He made a commitment to strengthening social ties to the community by placing Officer **Mike Sherboneau** in Community Relations. His priority was to put citizens first. There was always an excellent working relationship between Captain Wolleon and the community.

Because of the sudden removal of Captain Wolleon, plans are under way for a meeting to be set up with the Mayor and several Heights neighborhood associations to discuss this important issue.

Having said that, it should be made clear that these comments are not be construed to reflect on the ability or experience of Deputy Chief Behrens to do the job of North District commander. RNA has always maintained a good working relationship with the police and will continue to communicate with them to alert them to criminal activities in our neighborhood. RNA welcomes the new commander and wishes him well, even under these trying circumstances. RNA has invited Deputy Chief Behrens to be our guest speaker at our September 12 meeting. ✪

Summer Entertainment in the Park

This summer our community was entertained by a variety of unusual performances in Riverview-Fisk Park. Two of the nicest things that happened in the Park, believe it or not, were Shakespearean plays. Presented by the **Hudson Shakespeare Company**, the performances took place around the center gardens. The talented amateur thespians used these circular gardens as a back drop and "dressing room" for the productions and the trees as stage props.

The performers managed to keep the audience of young and old alike enthralled with the words of the Immortal Bard's **Othello** (July 25) and **Much Ado about Nothing** (August 22). Praise to the Company's directors **Matthew Hanley** and **John Ciccarelli** for their inventive productions. For information about the Company's future performances, call **(201) 420-2207**.

And a special thanks to the City's **Division of Cultural Affairs** for bringing such time honored entertainment to our local community. Let's hope next year will see even more events of this sort here in the Heights.

Another surprise offering was the amazing dance recital of the **Kennedy Dancers** that took place around the center gardens on August 16th. Under the direction of **Dianne Dragone**, the dancers presented spirited performances incorporating traditional, modern, ballet and ballroom styles.✪

HISTORIC PRESERVATION In HUDSON COUNTY

A special seminar discussing Historic Preservation in Hudson County will be held on **Wednesday, October 4th**. It will be sponsored by the **Center for Public Policy and Urban Research** at New Jersey City University. Guest speakers include: **Mary Dierickx, Historic Preservation Consultant; Councilman Mariano Vega, Advocate of Historic Preservation; Diane Kaese, Historic Architect Specialist, Board Member of Preservation, N.J.; Gerry Bakirtjy, Architect Specializing in Historic Preservation; Guy Catrillo, Chairman of the Jersey City Historic Preservation Commission; and Patrick Shalhoub, NJCU Librarian, Domestic Architecture in Jersey City** and **Moderator John Frohling, Esq.**

The seminar will start at 9:00 AM and end at 12:00 noon. (Coffee and doughnuts at 8:00 AM). It will take place in the Multipurpose Room, C-GSUB. For more information, call **(201) 200-2308**. ✪

Conrad Award

The **Theodore Conrad Award for Outstanding Achievement in History** has been awarded this year to **Deborah Henriquez**, valedictorian of the Dickinson High School graduating class. Ms. Henriquez was president of the student council and the Dickinson representative on the City-wide Student Council.

She was a member of the National Honor Society and a volunteer at Greenville Hospital and local soup kitchen. She will attend Rutgers University in New Brunswick next year. The Theodore Conrad Award is given each year by the History Department of Dickinson High School to the student who achieves the highest average in history for four years.

Barbara Petrick

CHRIST HOSPITAL MERGER

On July 26th, Christ Hospital and Bon Secours New Jersey Health Systems signed a Letter of Intent to combine the assets and operations of their Hudson County facilities. Bon Secour operates St. Francis Hospital in Jersey City, St. Mary Hospital in Hoboken and the Franciscan Home and Rehabilitation Center in Jersey City.

This merger, like other mergers of non-Catholic and Catholic hospitals that have been taking place throughout New Jersey and the United States, poses a potential threat to the reproductive health care services in our community. Generally, once the non-Catholic hospital becomes Catholic, it is governed by the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services*. This typically results in a diminution of services including: abortion, contraceptive services and counseling, HIV risk reduction information, sterilization procedures (tubal ligations and vasectomies) infertility treatments including in vitro fertilization, emergency postcoital contraception (the morning after pill), even for rape victims and prenatal testing if the intent is to abort the fetus if found to be severely malformed.

As a result, women in Jersey City, and in surrounding towns in Hudson County, may no longer be able to obtain necessary health care in their community. Poor women in need of these services would be particularly harmed, as they would have to travel outside the community to obtain health care and would thereby incur the costs of transportation and possibly higher fees for these services.

In a recent conversation with a representative of Christ Hospital, RNA learned that the Hospital met with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) at their Newark offices to discuss this issue. In an attempt to address these above concerns, Christ Hospital has proposed moving several of their out-patient services, such as abortions, vasectomies and contraceptive counseling to the top floor of the Hospital's Primary Care Center (PCC) located at 324 Palisade Avenue. The PCC would be able to continue to provide these services because it would still be affiliated with the Episcopalian Church after the merger.

It is important that Christ Hospital be made aware of the need to ensure that adequate alternative services be made available after the merger. Therefore it is essential that there be vocal community support for these services, especially from women of reproductive age who will need reproductive health care services but would no longer be able to obtain them at Christ Hospital due to the merger.

The provision of reproductive health care services, and specifically safe and affordable abortion and sterilization, is vital to our community. All citizens should join in the effort to preserve these services. Preserving the availability of reproductive health care will ensure that women patients are given the choice and opportunity to take advantage of these necessary services. To contact Christ Hospital, call **(201) 795-8400**. To support the ACLU, call **(973) 642-2086**. ✪

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Most people do not realize that a neighborhood association requires active participation of all its members. Part of that participation is the annual membership dues of **$7.00** per person. This is not a lot of money when you consider that it entitles you to eleven issues of our monthly newsletter, and voting privileges, if you live within the RNA boundaries.

Please support your community by paying your dues at the next meeting, or sending a check, payable to RNA, to 232 Ogden Avenue. (Any paid member who is not receiving their newsletters or a membership card, please contact RNA.)

The Executive Committee

THANKS!
FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARK FAIR

On Saturday, June 3rd, the RNA sponsored its 16th Annual Park Fair and Flea Market in Riverview-Fisk Park.The beautiful day was made possible by mother nature and the assistance of residents, local businesses and various city agencies.

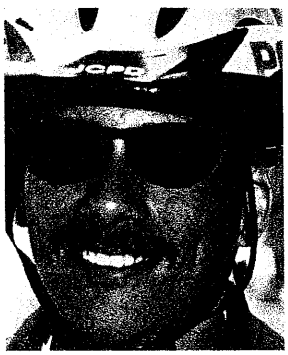
We would like to thank Public Works Director **Kevin Sluka** and his assistants **John Yurchak** and **Matt Hogan** of the Parks Division; **Norman Guerra** and **Jim Ferris** of the Incinerator Authority; and **Joey George** and **Jose Alvarez** of Recreation and Cultural Affairs. We would also like to acknowledge the support of Captain **Paul Wolleon** and the following NTF officers of the North District: **Jackie Baljko**, **Melissa Bartholomew**, **Nelson Rivera**, **Scott Schnee** and **Lorenzo Tosado**.

A special thanks to our Councilman **Bill Gaughan** and **Monte Zucker** of Traffic Engineering for their continued efforts each year to help us obtain the necessary permits for this event. And this year, RNA would like to acknowledge our NID manager **Ron Clemente** for help above and beyond his duties.

RNA would also like to acknowledge the contributions of **Phil Baldwin** and **David Crowder** of **Royal Floor Service** on Palisade Avenue and **Gehring's Bakery** on Central Avenue.

And last but never least, RNA would like to thank the support and participation of our members, friends and local residents without which this annual event would not be possible. It is the continuing support of all these people that makes RNA's job organizing this event easier each year and contributes to the success of the day.

Maria Tuzzo,
RNA Executive Secretary & Event Chairperson



BULLETIN BOARD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

RNA is beginning to plan our annual activities for the fall and winter season, including the **Fall Clean-up, Harbor View Holiday Party, Food and Toy Drive, Christmas Carolling**, and RNA's own **Holiday Party**. We are looking for volunteers to help organize and participate in these community activities. If interested, come to the next meeting on September 12th. ✪

THE FRIENDS OF LIBERTY STATE PARK

The Friends are requesting all its members and friends to renew their annual membership by contributing $5.00 or 10.00. All contributions will support the group's work to improve, beautify and advocate for the public access to and enjoyment of Liberty State Park in Jersey City.

Some of FLSP's recent projects include: promoting the new Playground in the Green Park section (benches and picnic tables are now on order); advocating the shuttle bus system connecting the Park to the Light Rail Station; opposing the cement plaza proposed for Millennium Park area, planning this Spring's Earth Day Festival; organizing the annual Clean-up at the Caven Point Beach Natural Area; purchasing $900.00 worth of binocular sets for the Interpretative Center and the successful fundraising through their Postcard Project depicting several scenes of the Park.

FLSP is a nonprofit organization and all contributions are tax deductible. For more information, write to **P.O. Box 3407, Jersey City, New Jersey, 07303-3407.** ✪

Watch! for Special Events on Community Bulletin Board

There is a newly installed Community Bulletin Board located in the children's playground on the corner of Palisade Avenue and Bower Street - across from the bus stop. It will feature special community announcements of the neighborhood associations. RNA will publish a special one page edition of its monthly newsletter (with enlarged print) which will be posted at the Board. Watch for dates for our upcoming fall activities. ✪

RECYCLE YOUR GARBAGE AND DISPOSABLES - IT'S THE LAW!

Here is the official list of recyclable materials that are collected in Jersey City:

PAPER: newspapers, magazines, junk mail, school paper, office paper, computer paper, telephone books, all cardboard boxes & corrugated boxes, cereal boxes, pasta boxes, laundry detergent boxes.

PLASTICS: milk cartons, drink boxes, plastic milk containers, food containers, household cleaner containers, laundry detergent bottles, shampoo bottles.

GLASS: soda bottles, beer bottles, food jars, liquor bottles.

CANS: aluminum, tin, steel (no chemical or paint cans).

Our neighborhood pick-up day is **WEDNESDAY.**

For more information, call the **Incinerator Authority, 432-4645.** ✪

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"TRUTH IN RENTING"

To obtain a FREE copy of this guide explaining the rights and responsibilities of residential tenants and landlords, contact **Constituent Services** at **547-4900.** ✪

Don't Know What To Do With Your Zucchini?

Cheese -Stuffed Zucchini

Ingredients:
1 cup low-fat cottage cheese
1 3-ounce package cream cheese, softened
1/4 cup finely cut chives
1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
1 teaspoon celery seed
1 teaspoon lemon juice
3 medium-size zucchini

How Do:
1) Blend cheeses in bowl. Stir in chives, dill, celery seed, and lemon juice. Cover and chill for one hour.
2) Rinse and dry zucchini. Slice crosswise into 1 1/2-inch-thick rounds.
3) Scoop out about half of pulp. Fill hollows with herb-cheese spread.
4) Broil till just golden brown. Serve hot. ✪

POLICEBEAT

Residents should contact their **Neighborhood Task Force** (NTF) Police Officers if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity through the North District's Community Service voice mail at **547-5719** or through the front desk at **547-5350.** When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and the date and time of the message. For emergencies, call **547-5477** or **911.**

In addition, anyone with information about illegal drug use and/or drug dealing, should contact the JCPD Narcotics Unit at **547-5714** or **547-6911.** All calls will be strictly confidential.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

1) **Neighborhood Improvement District:** Call **547-4974** and then dial Ext. **8015** for NID Mgr. **Ron Clemente** to complain about any quality of life problem or concern on your block.
2) **PARKING AUTHORITY:** To report parking complaints call **653-6969,** and press **#9.** This number is good till 12 midnight. If there is an emergency, Mr. **Carmine Venezia**, the PA Director can be reached through his beeper **517-3367,** till midnight during the weekdays and till 5 pm on Saturdays.
3) **PSEG LIGHTING:** To report a non-functioning light in the Park or on any of our streets, call PSEG at **330-6572** and leave a message with the exact location and number of the street pole.

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

Tell us how you feel about the quality of life on your block or in your neighborhood. Have your voice heard! Send all articles, comments and/or recipes to 232 Ogden Ave. *The next deadline is Friday,* **September 22th.**

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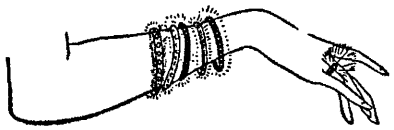

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RNA MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2000, 7:15 PM
Harbor View Health Care Center.
Corner of Franklin Street & Ogden Avenue

Guest Speakers

- Deputy Chief **Peter Behrens**, Commander, North District Police Precinct
- Councilman **Bill Gaughan,** Ward D